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Mayor Barrett and  
The Honorable  
Common Council of the  
City of Milwaukee

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

It is with positive affirmation that I am announcing I will not be seeking a third term as Comptroller of the City of Milwaukee. It has been a wonderful experience for me.

I have had a fantastic opportunity working in the Comptroller's Office, because of the many good people that work here. I have always held the position that my responsibility is to provide objective financial information to you as policy makers, and to not have a position in political matters. I know some people have thought I needed to be stronger, but strength doesn't necessarily come from providing one's opinion – and besides, the rating agencies, in my opinion, like it that way. I am sure I have disagreed with positions some of you have taken on different issues, however, I can still honestly compliment all of you on caring deeply about the citizens of Milwaukee. You even disagree amongst yourselves, but remember, in the end, you are a great team! It has been a pleasure to serve with you.

Why am I not running? Currently, I am experiencing some medical issues, and that has caused me to reevaluate what my life's priorities will be going forward. I still do not have an answer as to whether my life is going to continue many years, or just a few, but given the short side is a distinct possibility, I have decided not to run in the next election. In looking back, the stress of my wife's passing probably caused this. I still miss her every day.

It is also time to consider passing legislation to ensure the next Comptroller is a certified public accountant. It is the right thing to do. I had thought of this a few years ago, but never acted on it. Now is an appropriate time for consideration before the December signature collections. You may also want to consider having the City Attorney's position be eligible to practice law in the State of Wisconsin as well.

We are in interesting times, and with the convention coming next year, I will miss some of that excitement, but it's my time to move forward to new opportunities. Thank you for every consideration you have given me and the Comptroller's office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin Matson".

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